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The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b)) \$320.00. A check in the amount of \$320.00 is also enclosed herewith for the Notice of Appeal fee.

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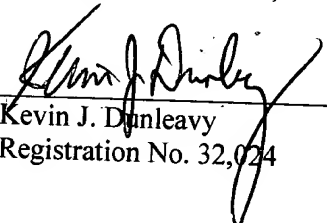
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Respectfully submitted,

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